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**JOSHUA WADE INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
ON FIREARMS AND CONTRABAND CHARGES**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 17, 2007, that Joshua Alan Wade, age 27, of Anchorage, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm; illegal drug user in possession of a firearm; and possessing contraband in prison.

According to the indictment, Wade possessed a .45 caliber Glock semiautomatic pistol during the months of July and August 2007. In count 2 of the indictment, it is alleged that Wade, during this same period of time, possessed the Glock pistol while using and being addicted to a controlled substance, marijuana. The third count alleges that Wade, following his arrest on September 2, 2007 for bank fraud, possessed marijuana inside the Anchorage jail.

Assistant United States Attorneys Crandon Randell and Thomas Bradley, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of ten years in prison for the firearms charges and five years for the contraband charge. All three counts carry the potential of a \$250,000 fine. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history of the defendant. Wade is currently being detained without bail.

The Anchorage Police Department and the FBI conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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